

**INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF
CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW**

Name: Name suppressed

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To Whom it May Concern,

After being diagnosed in 2014 with Myeloid Dysplasia my husband, _____ was referred to oncologist, Dr. Phadkie, by our family doctor, Dr _____. Dr. Phadkie came very highly recommended and after doing some research, and noting that Dr. Phadkie had received nothing but praise from his patients, we made an appointment with him.

Naturally our initial appointment was very confronting, as there is no way to make an appointment of this nature a pleasant experience however Dr. Phadkie's manner was both understanding and professional as he explained in great detail _____ condition and what we were to expect. We both felt very comfortable with Dr. Phadkie and he made himself available to us at any time, including when he was on holidays.

After preliminary testing we started treatment at Sutherland Hospital under Dr. Phadkie's care. My husband suffered many side effects, and unfortunately the first round of Chemotherapy was unsuccessful as his illness was particularly aggressive. After many rounds of chemotherapy, _____ blood counts were still decreasing at an alarming rate. The toll of the regular blood transfusions, infections and regular hospital trips was excruciating for _____, and Dr. Phadkie was always on hand to care for him.

Dr. Phadkie, _____ and myself had a conversation about treatment moving forward given that the treatment to date was proving ineffective. He voiced his concern that in _____ current state of health, a full dose of chemo could be too much for _____ handle, and may only have adverse effects. In no way did Dr Phadkie refuse _____ a full dose of chemo, he merely explained to us the pros and cons of a lesser dose, a decision that was ultimately _____ to make.

_____ considered very carefully his options and declared that quality of life with his family was far more important to him than quantity of days. Although he obviously wasn't healthy, he had time with his children, grandchildren and wife - he spent his last Christmas surrounded by family and was as comfortable as it's possible to be with the decision he had made.

Sadly _____ passed Jan _____ 2016.

Grieving for the loss of my husband has been hard to bare, one month later I lost my Father, so I was in a very fragile state.

On the afternoon of August 1st 2016 I receive a distressing phone call from director of clinical services Sutherland Hospital, proceeding to tell me the treatment of my husband _____, under the care of Dr Kiran Phadkie was questionable, and under investigation, as you could imagine I was in complete SHOCK!

This news was delivered to me in such a cold and confronting manner. I sat in shock for hours.

Not knowing how to tell my children I hesitated and thought I will gather them all together [tomorrow](#).

That night, just 3 hrs after I received phone call, this was all over the news!

My children started ringing me, I was in such a state, I could not believe this was happening. Not only me, but now my whole family are in distress!

The lack of compassion from hospital to my grieving family was unprofessional and nothing short of disgusting. No one should have to go through that!, Then I receive a letter from complaints commission requesting me to forward any complaints against Dr Phadkie. Enough is enough!

To be advised of this enquiry into Dr. Phadkie has been traumatic for our entire family. Still recovering from the loss of our loved one, we were absolutely dumbfounded that Dr. Phadkie should be put under scrutiny such as this. He has helped so many who are suffering the same or similar illnesses that my husband had to endure. To have any thoughts of removing his ability to continue to do so is ludicrous. What a great loss to the community that would be. He would certainly be my choice of Oncologist were I need of one.

We fully support Dr. Phadkie and his treatment of _____, and will be eternally thankful for the care and support he provided throughout this most harrowing time.

The interim report came back, Mr _____ had management that did not deviate from the best Available care!

As far as our family are concerned we are absolutely disgusted with the treatment we have received from the NSW Health System.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on _____ to discuss this matter further, or alternative mail can be sent to:

Kind regards,